Commission which is authorized to settle the disputed overcharged amount from the pharma companies.

The recommendation of the Task Force are being examined for consideration in the New National Pharmaceutical Policy.

The draft of the new policy is presently being finalized. It is difficult to specify any time frame for this.

As per the recommendation of the Task Force all the drugs included in the National List of Essential Medicines, 2003 are to be considered for price control. However, this is subject of subject to finalization of the Policy.

Unfare means of promotion of medical products by pharma companies

2917. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some pharma companies are distributing costly electronic items to the Chemists for promotion of their products and sending Doctors abroad for promotion of their medicines;

(b) if so, how many cases of such practices have been noticed and names of the pharma companies violating the Government norms for promotion of medicines; and

(c) what actions are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Privatisation of undertakings under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

†2918. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of undertakings under the control of his Ministry which have been privatized/disinvested;

(b) the undertaking-wise amount received by Government;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government are aware of alleged irregularities resorted to during privatization/disinvestments of these undertakings;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government have taken or propose to take any action to conduct indepth inquiry of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (b) Two undertakings under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, namely, Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL) and Indian Petrochemical Corporation Ltd. (IPCL) were disinvested. The proceeds from disinvestments received by Government were Rs. 151.70 crore for PPL and Rs. 1490.84 crore for IPCL.

(c) to (e) No, sir. The question does not arise.

Mega chemical complex

2919. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have commissioned consultants to study the concept and submit a feasibility report for construction of a mega Chemical Complex in the country;

(b) if so, whether the study has been completed and reports submitted to Government;

(c) if so, the salient features of the study;

(d) the time by which this mega complex will be constructed;

(e) whether the Central Government have also taken steps towards revival of Madras Fertilizers Ltd. and FACT;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) The Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, assisted by Consultants is studying the feasibility of setting up Mega Chemical Industrial Estates at different locations in the country. A Task Force on Petroleum, Chemical and